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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/776,956	Applicant(s) SCHUTZ ET AL.
	Examiner Twyler M. Lamb	Art Unit 2622

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 April 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1-10 and 21-27 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 11-20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mellgren, III et al. (US 6,085,126).

With regard to claim 11, Mellgren discloses a method for generating an ornamental design on a courier shipping label at a non-courier printer in connection with printing the label for a particular shipment specified on the label (col 3, lines 43-51), the method including the steps of: assigning shipping information signals corresponding to a shipping label for a particular shipment with a digital electrical computer shipping apparatus (central computer system 106) (col 3, lines 58-62); transmitting the shipping information signals corresponding to the shipping label for the particular shipment to a non-courier printer device (which reads on submitting the information to the manufacturing operation) (col 5, lines 56-61); combining the shipping information signals corresponding to the shipping label for the particular shipment with signals corresponding to an ornamental design (col 5, line 50 – col 6, line 2); and printing the shipping label for the particular shipment at the non-courier printer device including an

ornamental design (which reads on submitting the information to the manufacturing operation) (col 5, lines 56-61).

With regard to claim 12, Mellgren also discloses wherein the ornamental design includes a heart (which reads on creating a custom design, the design could be anything) (col 3, lines 43-46).

With regard to claim 13, Mellgren also discloses wherein the ornamental design includes a wreath (which reads on creating a custom design, the design could be anything) (col 3, lines 43-46).

With regard to claim 14, Mellgren also discloses wherein the ornamental design is printed in color (col 5, lines 38-42).

With regard to claim 15, Mellgren also discloses wherein the ornamental design is a printing of bit map, said bit map not including a logo, shipment, or courier information (which reads on creating a custom design, the design could be anything) (col 3, lines 43-46).

With regard to claim 16, Mellgren also discloses wherein the ornamental design is a first design and said first design includes a second design . (which reads on creating a custom design, the design could be anything) (col 3, lines 43-46)

With regard to claim 17, Mellgren also discloses further including the step of controlling addition of the design to the shipping label at an ordering system computer (which reads on a kiosk coupled to a central computer system via a network) (kiosk 102, col 3, lines 55-62).

With regard to claim 18, Mellgren also discloses further including the step of controlling addition of the design to the shipping label at an ordering center system computer (which reads on a kiosk coupled to a central computer system via a network) (kiosk 102, col 3, lines 55-62).

With regard to claim 19, Mellgren also discloses further including the step of controlling addition of the design to the shipping label at a financial institution system computer (which reads on a kiosk coupled to a central computer system via a network) (kiosk 102, col 3, lines 55-62).

With regard to claim 20, Mellgren also discloses further including the step of controlling addition of the design to the shipping label at a distribution center system (which reads on a kiosk coupled to a central computer system via a network) (kiosk 102, col 3, lines 55-62).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-10 and 21-27 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see Response, filed 4/22/04, with respect to 1-27 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The new limitations added to independent claims 1, 21 and 25 are allowable of the prior art of record. The rejections of claims 1-10 and 21-27 have been withdrawn.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Twyler Lamb whose telephone number is 703 - 305-8823. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L Coles can be reached on 703-305-4712. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-6036 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

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